

SITUATION REPORT NO. 14
INCIDENT NO. 95-04
DATE: May 26, 1995 TIME: 1:00 p.m.

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58504

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: 1995 Spring Flood.
2. DEATH AND INJURIES: No change from previous report.
3. DAMAGE: The level of Devils Lake reached 1435.1 feet msl on May 26, 1995.

The State Water Commission compiled an estimated list of damages which have occurred as a result of Devils Lake water levels reaching 1435 feet msl. Damages of over \$23 million included: land resources, \$3.4 million; transportation systems, \$18.1 million; and structures/developments, \$1.8 million.

The Lakota sewage lagoon and city landfill are threatened by overland flooding conditions and wave action.

In Rolette County, the city of Dunseith is experiencing sewage system problems due to flooding of a lift station. The city of Rolette has a sewage lagoon with an evaporation pool filled to capacity. ND Department of Transportation is expending about \$7.0 million for grade raises and flood response in the Devils Lake Basin. Highways affected include US 2, ND 19, ND 20, and ND 57.

It has been reported that three Dickey County Townships are having rural family isolation situations from washed out and inundated roads as a result of heavy rainfall May 8-9 and again on May 21, 1995.

4. RESOURCES COMMITTED:

LOCAL: No change from previous report.

STATE: No change from previous report.

FEDERAL: No change from previous report.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: About 145 community volunteers and 105 volunteers from Grand Forks Air Force Base participated in a sandbagging operation at the Minnewaukan lagoon.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: The Lakota City Commission declared the city a disaster May 23, 1995.

On Saturday, May 20, 1995, the ND Wing of the Civil Air Patrol provided a surveillance flight of McLean, McHenry, Benson, Ramsey, Nelson, Griggs, Foster, Stutsman, and Kidder Counties for ND Division of Emergency Management.

The North Dakota Army National Guard is completing the Minnewaukan Lagoon Project.

A meeting to establish the Devils Lake Basin Federal Interagency Task Force was held on Saturday, May 20, 1995. The purpose of the Task Force is to provide relief from the rising waters of Devils Lake and problems associated with drainage of the Devils Lake Basin.

The ND Division of Emergency Management and officials from 29 counties conducted an individual assistance initial damage assessment. This action identified individual damages in preparation for a second preliminary individual assistance damage assessment (PDA). On May 31, 1995, two teams consisting of federal, state, and local personnel will begin a PDA to verify individual damages and determine impact on individuals in the affected area.

The ND Department of Health and Consolidated Laboratories is providing technical support to local governments, including the Devils Lake Sioux Tribe, on mosquito eradicating measures.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are providing technical and construction support on a project to protect the sewage system at the Strommie Addition in Ramsey County.

The ND Division of Emergency Management provided support to the Devils Lake Sioux Tribe officials to identify critical access roads for emergency vehicles and determine road ownership.

Applicant briefings for local government officials in the affected counties are scheduled in Rugby, June 5, 1995; Devils Lake, June 6, 1995; Jamestown, June 7, 1995; and Bismarck, June 8, 1995.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers surveyed the Lakota Lagoon situation and advised local officials on a solution for the erosion problem.

ND State Parks and ND Game and Fish personnel have been active insuring safe lake access and early campground availability in the Devils Lake region.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: The Devils Lake Sioux Tribe is in need of Bureau of Indian Affairs assistance to perform repairs to the roads on the Reservation to insure emergency vehicle access.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous report.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The Disaster Field Office (DFO) will open in Jamestown May 30, 1995. The Satellite DFO will open in Devils Lake on the same day. The State Flood Coordination Center (SFCC) will be moved to the Satellite DFO in Devils Lake. The weekly SFCC meetings will be held at the Satellite DFO starting June 1, 1995.

On Friday June 2, 1995; the FEMA National Director, James Lee Witt; the FEMA Region VIII Director, Michael J. Armstrong; and representatives of the Federal Highway Administration, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, will be in Devils Lake to participate in a public meeting.

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State Director